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1. The marked hesitancy of the Indian Government towards the agitation in Kenya is clearly marked by several incidents. Joseph Murumbi, though he met with a "positive", or friendly, reception in the beginning, got absolutely no further support of any kind. He was traveling to secure support for the Kenya African Union. Similarly, the writer, Peter Evans, expelled from Kenya, was refused further help from the government. This was at the instance of Indians in East Africa. In the same way, the subscriptions for Kenya and the Mau Mau movement have dwindled off to nothing and have met with no success. The Kenya propaganda conducted by the India-Africa Council (IAC) has likewise lost its impetus.
2. The IAC, incidentally, was organized in the early part of 1953 and has been managed by Valvant Rai Mehta and S. K. Patil.
3. The reason for all this hesitancy is the interest and influence in this matter of the big Indian property owners in Kenya. They want to choke off the rebellion. Otherwise they will be compelled to make common cause with the white men.
4. Another informant suggests that the views expressed above fail to take into account other motives of the Indian Government due to its international relations. This source thinks that Egyptian influence on the African emancipation movement is likely to lead to renunciation on both sides.

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